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SPORTS NEWS RELEASE

from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

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After 20 games Dr. Don Callan's cagers have posted an impressive 18-2 mark and are ranked number one in the Mid-Ohio Conference with a 9-1 league record.

The Yellow Jackets are continuing their torrid outside shooting with the hot hand of Senior All-American, Eric Mounts, leading the way. Eric has taken the scoring crown in 16 of 20 outtings. His 28.4 per game scoring average has earned Eric the title of fifth highest scorer in the NAIA nationally and is the leading scorer in the NCCAA. Seven school records have become obsolete in the wake of Mount's performance. One of which is his career scoring record which now stands at 2400 points.

Mounts lead in the January 31 assault against Ohio Dominican with 30 points, and Curt Berger had 12 assists in the 80-69 victory over the Panthers. But those were the only real bright spots in an otherwise slow game (by Cedarville standards.) In games against Malone and Ohio Dominican the cagers machine seemed to have become sluggish.

Maybe it was the flu bug that slowed the cager's game, but whatever it was Tuesday night it appeared as if the Yellow Jackets kicked the sludge out of the

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machine as the team had what Callan calls "the best team effort in the last 5 or 6 games." And a team effort it was. Though Mounts once again was scoring leader with 30. Mark Womack, David Carr, and Greg Greve added 23, 21, and 14 respectively to the balanced Yellow Jacket offensive.

Senior guard, Curt Berger, played a key role as he eclipsed his own record of 18 assists (set earlier in the year) with 19 assists against the Mt. Vernon Cougars. Berger now averages 10 assists per game, is ranked second in the NCCAA in number of assists and is closing in on the national NAIA all-time record of 24 assists per game. Cedarville went home with their 96-87 victory after a good effort by Mt. Vernon.

The Yellow Jackets have continued their winning season without the aid of starting center Drew Baker who has been out for the last 8 games following a game injury. His absence has been keenly felt in the loss of rebounding power, defensive play underneath the basket and his ability in assists. Following recent surgery the prospects are bright for Baker's soon return to the Yellow Jacket lineup and strong post season play.

The team effort of the Cedarville Yellow Jackets spearheaded by Mounts has kept the team in the NAIA top twenty throughout the season. The cagers are now ranked number 17. In the most recent NCCAA report the Jackets were rated fifth. The Mid-Ohio Conference continues to see Cedarville in the number one spot since the pre-season coaches poll, with Rio Grande continuing to chase the Jackets.

The Yellow Jackets face Walsh College on February 7, and Urbana College on February 10. Both home games are key home games against MOC title contenders.